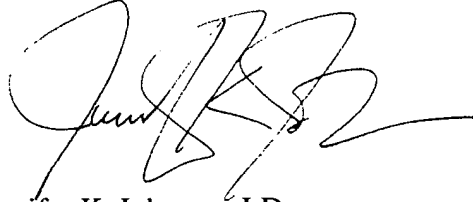


Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Patent Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6676.

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**EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES****MADE****IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, under "REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following paragraph:

This application is related to Provisional Application 60/242,023, filed October 20, 2000 60/194,731, filed on April 5, 2000. ~~This application is also related to Provisional Application 60/222,121, filed on July 28, 2000.~~ Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1), this application claims benefit of said Provisional Application Applications.